

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 10, 11, 14, 17, 21, and 25-36 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-5, 7-11, 13-17, 19-21, and 23-24 stand rejected.

Claims 1, 14, 17, and 21 have been amended. No new matter has been added.

Examiner Interview

Appreciation is expressed for the telephonic interview conducted on November 10, 2009 between Examiner Timblin and Brenna Brock, applicants' attorney. During the interview, the Huras and Shih references were discussed with reference to independent claim 1. While no agreement was reached during the interview, the undersigned believes this paper is in harmony with the positions expressed during the interview.

CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth herein, the application and the claims therein are believed to be in condition for allowance without any further examination and a notice to that effect is solicited. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephone interview, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at 512-439-5087.

If any extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) are required in order for this submission to be considered timely, the Applicants hereby petition for such extensions. The Applicants also hereby authorize that any fees due for such extensions or any other fee associated with this submission, as specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17, be charged to Deposit Account 502306.

Respectfully submitted,

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